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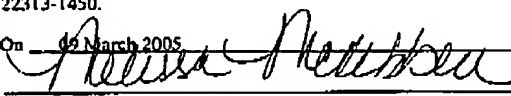
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO 11/12/2004 OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 12, 2004, the period for response having been extended one (1) month, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks for the Examiner's consideration.

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**Remarks begin on page 5.**